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Applicant: Robert J. Lemire

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Art Unit: 3632

Examiner: Anita M. King

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Dear Ms. King;

Enclosed is an "Amendment" containing revised Claims, a New Drawing, a mark-up of the text indicating the changes being made, and a clean set of revised pages.

The following is a response to the comments raised in your action concerning "Double Patenting", and the prior art references:

1. I do not believe that this application is an attempt to receive a "double patent". The spring is not obvious over the other patents I hold for similar hanging devices that use hooks on screws. This hanging system provides the additional feature of spring locking. This allows the object to be quickly hung on a track, or just as quickly removed. The other patents require that the locking screw be turned in order to lock the object in place. Once an object has been locked with these other inventions it is impossible to move the object. This invention allows the object to be moved sideways by simply pushing up on the object.
2. The Albee patent US 3,567,170 is not applicable because of the following:
 - a. the spring used in this patent is a flat metal spring that pulls the clips together so that they can clamp onto a wall bracket;
 - b. the adjusting screws 26 on Fig 3 are for adjusting the amount of tilt that the object 30 in Fig 1 has;
 - c. The screws 26 & 46 have to have access holes in the object in order to have them function;
 - d. the device does not have any capability to position an object vertically;
 - e. and finally, leveling capability is dependent upon the ability to affix the object onto the device.

3. The Duggan patent US 6,557,813 is for a device that uses discrete vertical increments for locating the object vertically. The levelness of the object is dependent on the ability to place the support bracket level on the wall. The spring action is used to push the horizontal track member into the various pin or slot locations. The track component that is affixed to the object has no means for locking the object onto the device.
4. The Lemire patents have the desired features of this invention; however, this improvement provides the additional capability of objects being able to be easily and quickly attached and removed from the bracket, while still being positionable and locked on the wall.
5. The balance of the referenced patents have limited capabilities when compared to this invention.

Yours truly,



Robert J. Lemire